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KIDS' EVENTS

Think Outside the Box Thursday

Thursday, January 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sensory Friendly Bucket Drumming With Different Dynamics

Saturday, January 4, 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Anime World

Saturday, January 11, 1 – 3 p.m.

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 28 at 9:30 a.m.

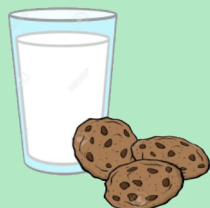
Thursday, January 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Milk & Cookies Time

Wednesday, January 15

at 3:45 p.m.

All ages welcome!



Guitar Open Mic Night

Wednesday, January 22, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Wednesday, January 8, 6 – 7 p.m.

Anime World

Saturday, January 11, 1 – 3 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Library will be closed Monday, January 20, for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

BOOK LISTS

Do you make lists of the books you read? I don't, and I've always wondered about people who have time for such things. I have a friend who frequently asks me questions like 'what was the best book you read this year? Name one fiction and one non-fiction.' Not only can I not name them, I can't recall with that much clarity everything I read in the past year.

I read about one book every week to ten days. That's a lot slower than some people, but even at that rate, how am I supposed to remember what I read?

It's not like I forget what I have read. When I see a book on the shelf, I know in an instant whether or not I have read it. The only time I ever forgot one was years ago. I was reading John Updike's *In the Beauty of the Lilies*. It kept coming to me that I recognized a character, or remembered a scene. Nearing the end of the book, I finally recalled that I had indeed read the book during the first

few weeks after my daughter was born—much of it in foggy, sleepless nights. No wonder I didn't remember!

I don't re-read books as some people do. I know women who re-read Jane Austen's books all the time. Michelle, our children's librarian, is a huge *Little House on the Prairie* fan, and reads those books often. The only books I have read several times are Kafka's *Metamorphosis* and Dostoevsky's *The Double*—both books about troubled emotional or psychological states: I hope that's not saying too much about me.

Once many years ago, I set out to list the things I read. It lasted a few months. A few years later, when I was moving, I came across the list. I think I had gotten as far as listing 16 books. I wonder, if I had a list of everything I read this year, could I name my favorites? Do you think there's a point to listing books, or to naming your favorites?

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WINTER READING PROGRAM—ABC's!

Welcome to this year's winter reading program, which we're calling January ABC's!

The program is for ages 2 – 18 and runs from January 1st – 31st.

A is for Writing ACTIVITIES – which will be listed weekly in the Library's main hallway.

B is for BOOKS – books, graphic novels, magazines, audio books, etc. that you read.

C is for CARDIO – count your minutes for

playing in the snow, shoveling, walking, running, vacuuming, etc.

Sign up online by visiting our Website at www.wgpl.org and clicking on Winter Reading Program in the Youth menu. Count your minutes for reading and cardio and come collect your prizes starting February 1st in the children's room. There will be a drawing for an Amazon gift card!

JANUARY ABC'S - WINTER READING PROGRAM

A = Writing ACTIVITIES
B = BOOKS 400 minutes
C = CARDIO activities

January 1- 31, 2020

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Olive, Again*,
by Elizabeth Strout
2. *The Dutch House*,
by Ann Patchett
3. *The Water Dancer*,
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
4. *The Giver of Stars*,
by Jojo Moes
5. *Blue Moon*,
by Lee Child
6. *The Night Fire*,
by Michael Connelly
7. *The Guardians*,
by John Grisham
8. *A Minute to Midnight*,
by David Baldacci
9. *Nothing to See Here*,
by Kevin Wilson
10. *The Starless Sea*,
by Erin Morgenstern
11. *Twisted Twenty-Six*,
by Janet Evanovich
12. *The Rise of Magicks*,
by Nora Roberts

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Webster Groves Public Library is creating a Community Cookbook! We are asking members of the community to share favorite family recipes with us to be compiled into a printed cookbook. The book will be available in December 2020 to purchase from the Friends of the Library.

Recipes will need to be submitted to the Library no later than June 30, 2020. You can submit your recipe by email (recipes@wgpl.org) or by dropping it off at the Library. Blank recipe instruction sheets are available at the circulation desk to take home and fill out as well.

Due to considerations of space, and repetition of some recipes, we will not be able to print every recipe submitted.

BINGE BOXES ARE HERE!

We have a new way for you to enjoy your favorite sorts of movies or TV shows—binge boxes. Each binge box contains all the seasons of a TV show or several movies with a common theme. We have holiday themed binge boxes, and will soon will have new ones with themes like Jane Austen movies, all the *Rocky* movies, or all of *Downton Abbey*. To find them, just type 'Binge Box' into the catalog search box.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, February 1, at 2 p.m.



The Woman Who Smashed Codes,
by Jason Fagone

Classics Book Club

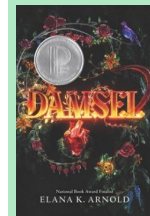
Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m.



The Makioka Sisters,
by Junichiro Tanizaki

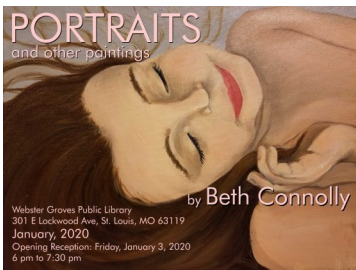
YA Book Club

Saturday, February 22, at 2 p.m.



Damsel,
by Elana K. Arnold

PORTRAITS BY BETH CONNOLLY



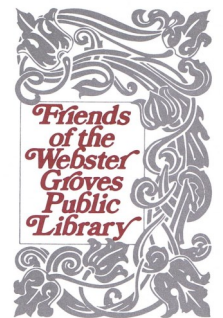
Our gallery exhibit for December is *Portraits and Other Paintings*, by Beth Connolly. A teacher at Carnahan High School in St. Louis, Connolly's work features portraits of family members, but also of her students, whom she seeks to portray as the happy and carefree kids they actually are, rather than the troubled youth beset by poverty, as is often how they are portrayed.

There was an opening reception for *Portraits and Other Paintings* on Friday, January 3rd, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Quite a few people came to see the works and meet the artist.

FRIENDS NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone! The Friends hosted a successful open house on December 7 to introduce the Library's new video transfer equipment. The staff of the Library is now able to transfer home videos and non-copyrighted material to DVDs for Library patrons. You can provide your own DVDs or purchase single-use DVDs from the Library at \$0.25 apiece.

The Friends will be sending out membership brochures during the month of January. We hope that you will renew your membership, or if you aren't currently a member, that you will consider joining the Friends in our support of the Webster Groves Public Library. Your support enables the Friends to do things like purchase video transfer equipment, keep up our collection of large print books and book club kits, and underwrite the Summer Reading Programs.



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